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REMARKS

The present amendment is provided in response to the Examiner's objection to claim 20, and corrects a mis-spelling in claim 20.

Applicants courteously submit that the action dated October 20, 2004, has been prematurely made final. Accordingly, a Petition to invoke the supervisory authority of the Director is filed herewith to withdraw the premature final action is submitted herewith.

It is apparent that an appropriate response cannot be provided until resolution of the issues raised in the Petition.

In view of the accompanying petition, it is respectfully submitted that withdrawal of the final action is in order. In order to expedite resolution of any related issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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